(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Liquid effluents and Gaseous emissions released by Hindustan Zinc Limited conform to the standards prescribed by Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

(b) In the Smelter of Hindustan Zinc Limited at Visakhapatnam, Sulphur Dioxide Gas produced during smelting of zinc and lead is convered into Sulphuric Acid. The liquid effluents from the Lead and Zinc Smelter Plant, after being treated in the Effluent Treatment Plant, is discharged and this effluent conforms to the Standards prescribed by the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board. The treated effluents from treatment plant conform to be tolerance limits of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board in terms of ph, suspended solids and metals like Zinc, Lead, Cadmium, Copper, Murcury Arsenic etc. Sulphur Dioxide content of gaseous emission is maintained below 2000 PPM prescribed by Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board. Hindustan Zinc Limited has invested Rs. 16 crores on installation of effluent treatment plant and other measures not only to contain pollution within the permissible limit but to further reduce the same. Recurring expenditure is Rs. 1.5 crores per annum.

(c) Does not arise.

Developmental Programmes for Drought Affected Districts in Orissa

6883. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for agriculture visited drought affected districts in Orissa to review the implementation of various developmental programmes in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow up action taken by the Government on those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture visited several areas of Kalahandi and Phulbani districts of Orissa in July, 1991 to review the prevailing rainfall and crop situation, the readiness of the district administration to tackle the situation and the implementation of various development programmes.

(c) The State Government of Orissa has been advised to make an indepth study of the Area Development Approach for Poverty Termination programme.

[*Translation*]

Aluminium Factory at Latehar in Bihar

6884. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Birla Group have obtained lease for setting up of an aluminium factory in the bauxite located area of Latehar in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to set up an aluminium factory in Latehar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.